## Newsletter



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## Immunization Clinics – Increase your Quality Scores!

As you know, both influenza & pneumococcal immunizations are CMS Quality Measures. The education and clinical specialist team at SSACO has helped organize an opportunity for you to create an "immunization clinic" making it easier for the patients to get their shots, including influenza, pneumococcal and shingles.

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Smith's Pharmacy has agreed to <u>come to your office</u> at a date and time selected by your practice. Smith's will bring all their own supplies (including the vaccines and sharps containers). They will bill CMS directly, enter the data into Webiz and provide you with a roster of all vaccinations given for you to enter the data into your EMR. You will need to provide an exam room and notify your patients (at their visits, by posting a notice in the waiting room, making phone calls, etc.).

Better for the patients (they get their immunizations) and better for the practice (improved quality scores).

## **Reminder - Antibiotic Stewardship Program**

Antibiotic resistance causes serious harm around the world and in our own communities - much of it due to the inappropriate use of antibiotics. HealthInsight's *Get Smart: Preserving the Power of Antibiotics* initiative is your chance to take a stand for eliminating this harm!

The program is aligned with the CDC's antibiotic stewardship initiative. We've attached a copy of the email sent to all our PCP Participants last week. Call us if you have questions or talk to your clinical specialists. Let us help you to help your patients and communities.

## **SSACO Preferred Provider Network**

Please remember to refer within the Preferred Provider Network. These are carefully selected specialists who have agreed to help SSACO deliver excellent care while decreasing redundancies and inefficiencies in an effort to save CMS spend.

## Preferred Provider Network – Ophthalmology

#### Hold the Dates:

2017 Office Staff Meetings

**NOTE new date/time:** 

<u>Monday, June 19</u>, 2017 Summerlin Hospital – 11:30 a.m.

October 25, 2017 – Spring Valley Hospital – 7:30 a.m. and/or at 11:30 a.m.

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## The Importance and Utilization of Diabetic Eye Exams

HEDIS/CMS requires a yearly eye exam for diabetic patients (or every two years if there is <u>**no**</u> retinopathy). Nevada Eye Physicians is committed to helping you by doing the following:

- We will set up specific screening dates in *your primary care offices*.
  - a. We will do a vision screening, dilate the eyes, and take a look in the back of the eye to determine if the patient has any signs of diabetic retinopathy.
  - b. We check pressures to help determine if the patient has glaucoma.
  - c. During the screening, we have a three-part form that we use. One will be for you, one for the patients, and one we will use to bill the screening to the health plan.
  - d. There is no charge to you or to the patients for these screenings.
  - e. These screenings would allow us to help catch any early onset eye condition the patient may have.
  - f. Having the screenings in your office will help the patients feel comfortable because they are being seen right in their primary care offices. This also gives our physicians a chance to connect to the patients should further treatment be needed.
  - g. To ensure continuity of care we would be able to schedule the patient in our clinics at the time of the screening.
- Retinal Camera
  - a. The retinal cameras are good at helping you achieve the scores you need for HEDIS and for CMS. It will give you the data you need, but it does not replace a good dilated eye exam. It will also give you the data needed to fill out the 3072F attestation forms that your primary care offices need for the required HEDIS scores.
  - b. In some cases, it does not accurately capture what the patient's eye condition may be.
- Decreasing costs
  - a. Compared to the fee for service market, we have found that we are able to decrease the costs by 40% for patients that are seen by one of the physicians within our network.
  - b. Nevada Eye Physicians are trained in these types of preferred practice patterns.
  - c. We utilize a practice management software that allows us to run reports if needed and allows us to send consultation reports back to the Primary Care Physicians at the time the patient is seen creating a partnership of care for the patients.

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Mission, Vision and Commitments to Care

## Our Mission

To make a difference in the lives of our patients and families by working handin-hand throughout their journey.

#### **Our Vision**

To lead the way in delivering clinical excellence, extraordinary service and compassionate hospice care.

#### **Our Commitments to Care**

• We will make patients and their families our first priority.

• We will commit to contact the patient and family within one hour of referral and admit qualified patients within three hours.

• We will communicate with patients, families and healthcare partners based on their expectations.

• We will visit our patients and families based on their needs and will provide the appropriate level of care, managing symptoms at every visit.

• We will engage in a holistic approach to care, which preserves patient comfort, dignity and self-respect and honors patient rights.

# We honor these commitments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

For more information or a referral, contact your Kindred at Home Specialist today: **Sabrina Patrick** 

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#### <u>Sleeves – No shirts attached</u>

They're back. We have received a new shipment of Medicare card sleeves embossed with the SSACO logo. Please call or ask your clinical specialist who will be glad to bring them to you. And, respond "no shirts attached" to this email to be entered into our next drawing for a (still to be announced) prize!

#### Thought for the Day:

"It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so." *Mark Twain (real name Samuel Clemens), 19<sup>th</sup> century American writer, humorist, publisher. His best known novels include the Adventures of Tom Sawyer and its sequel, the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.* 

Ain't that the truth?